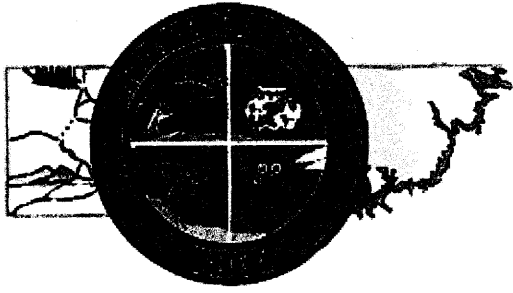


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DIV. OF OIL, GAS &amp; MINING

Date: April 21, 2009

To: Division of oil, Mining and Gas

From: Kane County

Subject: Comments for Public Notice

Kane County Commission would like to express their support for the Alton Coal Development Project. The benefits from this project we anticipate will cover a broad array of benefits including local employment opportunities for current and future families wishing to remain as Kane County residents.

Kane County has strived to maintain open access on all traditional transportation roads which serve the public and all transportation system needs. Kane County researches all positive and negative impacts on any road closure of public roads before any option is approved. Pursuant to Utah Code and Statutes 72-5-105 a temporary closure is permitted by Kane County.

Kane County Road K3900 also known as the Alton Road or Sink Valley Road will be temporarily closed through a public process and all public traffic will be detoured through a BLM permitted bypass road during the duration of the mining activities. This new routing is considered to be the only option which satisfactorily meets all ASHTO construction standards which will ensure safe road standards for the travelling public. This closure is permitted by the Utah Code and Statutes, 72-5-105.

Kane County Road # K3993 also known as Lower Robinson Canyon or Robinson Creek Road will not be technically closed and will remain open by agreement between Kane County and the Alton Coal Company. Public access along the road will be maintained but restricted to escorted travel due to public safety concerns and MSHA regulations.

As representatives of the citizen's of Kane County, we believe that the majority of our constituents are very supportive of this project. With the use of existing agreements and compliance with state statutes we feel that the temporary closure of K3900 and the travel restrictions along K3993 will be in the best interest of all Kane County residents and persons wishing to travel through our county.

Sincerely;

Louis L. Pratt Jr.

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